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Daniel Bacigalupo

1994 Good Citizen of the Year

Daniel Bacigalupo is the winner of the 1994 Wendell Good Citizen of the Year Award. The award was announced by Selectman Ted Lewis at Wendell Old Home Day, July 9th, 1994. Daniel told me that he was "really shocked" and completly surprised when the award was announced.

According to Ted Lewis, Daniel was selected because of his many years of quality service to the town. He has held the posts of Tree Warden and Cemetery Commissioner for 20-25 years. He has been the Road Crew Boss for the last 6 years. He has also put time, effort, and materials into many of the town buildings and projects.

The Good Citizen of the Year is chosen by the Wendell Selectboard. Board members informally discuss with various town residents whose efforts they think make a difference in town. Last year's winner was Rosalie Rosser

Linda Hickman

Historic Documents Surface

A packet of documents recording Wendell town history from the 1800s turned up in the attic of the Sogard house recently. In remarkably good condition, the packet contains warrants from Annual Town Meetings, Special Town Meetings, Elections and other official business. The earliest document is dated 1814 and the latest is 1861. Each item is handwritten, some in beautiful calligraphy, on acid-free paper, which is one reason the pages are so well preserved.

Here is a sample of how Wendell citizens conducted town business over one hundred and seventy years ago:

Franklin Cty: To Capt. Jonathan Crosby, Constable of Wendell in said County-Greeting-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hearby required to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitant of the said Town of Wendell who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the fourth of March next at Ten O'clock in the forenoon of said day, ten and there-

1st: To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.-

2ndly: To choose a Town Clerk and all other Town Officers.-

3rdly: To give their votes for a county treasurer.-

4thly: To choose a School Committee.-

5thly: To determine the mode of choosing, and to choose a Collector.-

6thly: To determine what sums of money shall be raised, and for what purposes.-

7thly: To determine the mode of dividing school money.-

8thly: To determine the price of Highway Work.-

9thly: To choose a committee to settle with the Treasurer.

10thly: To see if swine shall run at large.-

11thly: To see if they will allow a Bounty on Wildcats, crows, and etc.

12thly To hear and act upon the application of Mr. Joseph Swayer.

Hereof fail not and make due return unto us, on or before said day. Given under our hand and seal at Wendell this fifteenth day of February AD: 1822.

Joshua Green, Samuel Brewer, Berabel Locke
Selectmen of Wendell

D+B Five More Years

Diemand & Bennett Demolition Landfill on Mormon Hollow, has been granted permission to continue burying construction debris for five more years by the state Dept. Environmental Protection. According to original predictions, management had anticipated a shorter life span for the project. But because construction trade declined for several years, less debris was trucked in and closure and capping predictions were upset. Dean Bennett requested permission from the state to continue the process, complying with current state regulations regarding landfills. He reported that this is a routine request under the siting process which allows the site to be completed once it is deemed acceptable. Cell #5, equal in size to the other four cell, remains to be filled.

The original permit and license was granted by Wendell's Board of Health and state DEP. Bob Leet (BD Health) reports a good relationship and responsible updates from D&B and DEP. The extension is a routine process even though D&B had been issued notice of non-compliance in 4/94. Dean calls the notice a routine warning by the state issued about one time a year to point out weaknesses to correct. The notice referred to torn liners not in use, the structure of the escrow accounts and future precautions. "They seem to want to keep on our good side." Leet feels a problem with site inspection exists in that DEP is overbooked and underfunded and therefore no assurance exists as to the purity of every load. Bob believes the system could be vastly improved if companies would be required to front money to hire inspectors who would be responsible for quality control etc. and would report to the state during 2 or 3 times a month random visits. The relationship would therefore "exist on review and not on trust."

With the decline in construction and therefore with incoming materials, staff was cut from 15 to 2, Dean and facility manager, Bill Trombi. The recycling staff was eliminated which had been labor intensive, picking through mountains and sorting plastic, wood and metal. Recycling was reduced from 32% to 8%. Currently only metal markets exist. All the rest is buried and the value of recycling is abandoned by default. Dean said he would recycle but it is not part of his business to create markets.

Wendell Selectboard commented about the landfill and their role. They have no ruling on the project according to state regulations. It was a few weeks ago they found out about the extension when they were at a meeting with D&B and Montague officials concerning truck transport problems. The transport agreement is that not counting the fill and construction trucks, 20 debris tractor trailers come in through Montague and must exit via Wendell. When business

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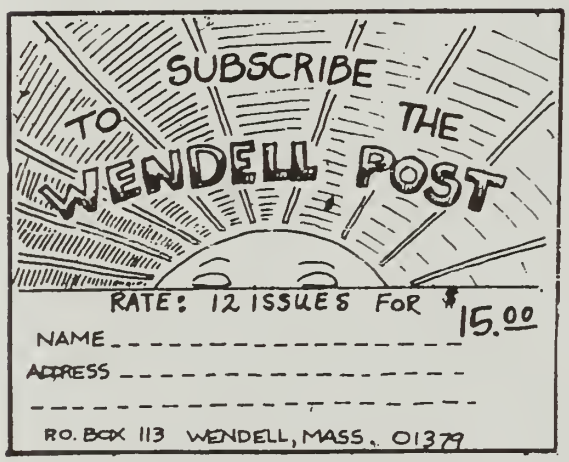

LETTERS

HARASSMENT REGRETS

On Friday, July 29 an incident of harrassment/verbal abuse occurred at the Country Store, which included racial slurs, directed at a black resident of Wendell. The assaults took place in the parking lot and in the store. I arrived just as the offended man was storming out muttering something about "I don't have to take this racist..." There were several people present, both in the parking lot and in the store, who witnessed the event. No one stepped forward to support this individual or to interrupt the incident.

As people described to me what had happened, I felt that the situation required some sort of response. I felt paralyzed in the moment, not having witnessed the incident, trying to decide if and how to jump in. In the end I wound up leaving, after looking into the Post Office, to see the victim was calling the police--I said to myself I guess that's all that can be done. But my decision didn't sit quite right. In retrospect, I had more options than I was seeing. Even though I wasn't present for the incident, I could have stayed to ask if I could help in some way, I could have talked to the people who saw it, asked what happened that they didn't step in.

Many of us in Wendell think of ourselves as liberal-minded, progressive. We tout our belief in diversity of cultures, ethnicity and lifestyle choices, but we have to take it a step further to interrupt racist incidents, to support community members. The cutting edge of community, the cutting edge of change, is in the interpersonal. It is worth the risk to stand up to say you can't treat people that way. Taking the risk is taking personal responsibility.

Shirley White

HOME IS WHERE THE LEAD IS

This summer we traveled a lot because of our sauce and concession business. When we were in Newport, R.I., at the Newport Jazz and Folk Festivals, we saw that Fort Adams was being restored. The supervisor of the job said that all the lead paint and rubble was being removed and trucked away. He jabbed me in the ribs and asked if I could guess to where--- Wendell, the D & B dump. Oh, home sweet home!

Kathy Becker

ART DEPT. SECURED

Dear Folks of Wendell,

My first place in Wendell was the Dexter House at the Depot in 1975. Since then I have moved in and out of Wendell a number of times. I am about to move out again (temporarily?).

I have loved my studio in the Old Fire House, and enjoyed the kindness and support of friends and neighbors. On August 30, I will move to Pelham and the Police Dept. will move in to the Art Dept. I'm sure the town will be more secure.

Sincerely,
an american hippy freak,
Jake

Letter to *The Post* readers,

The Post is in transition again. Last year Dor resigned after being the Post distributor for a number of years. She is sorely missed and for several issues we had no one to bring the papers around to the businesses that sell them for us. One of our Wendell Post staff members, Nae Oma has picked up that job.

That's the way it goes - the ebb and flow of the life of the Wendell Post. Well, I've decided that it just may be time for me to move over and let someone else help with the production end of the Post. We are looking for people who would like to learn my jobs. I will be more than happy to pass on my knowledge to anyone interested in helping.

My role in the paper has been to coordinate things - the typists, the meetings, get things together for layout. Some of these things are just phone calls, while others are more time consuming and a mode of transportation is helpful. Over the seventeen years I've worked on the paper, I've done almost every job there is to put it together and get it to the readers.

It always has been a satisfying and rewarding effort to have an idea of what we want the paper to be about and then to make it happen is just really cool. It has also been good to see that when a staff member decides that it is time to move on, there is someone out there in our community that realizes it might be time to become involved in this wonderful treasure we call The Wendell Post.

Some folks might think this all sounds kind of sappy and that's okay because some of it is. When I think about the paper and all the people I've gotten to know because of the hours of working together, creating and maintaining the paper it just makes my heart beat a little smoother and easier for the friends that I have made that I otherwise might not have. So townspeople, who of you out there loves this paper like I do and feel it's your time to fully experience it? Give any of us a call.

Anne Diemand

~PRESS PASS ISSUED~

Attention Honorable Readers: you have been promoted. You are now an Official "Wendell Post" reporter. Attatched are your credentials. Clip the enclosed and place in your wallet for use when you are on the spot at an important event. Once you have secured entry and shaken hands with the important movers and shakers, do not forget to whip out your notepad and jot it all down for the folks at home. Send your stories to "Wendell Post", PO Box 113, Wendell, Ma. 013-79!

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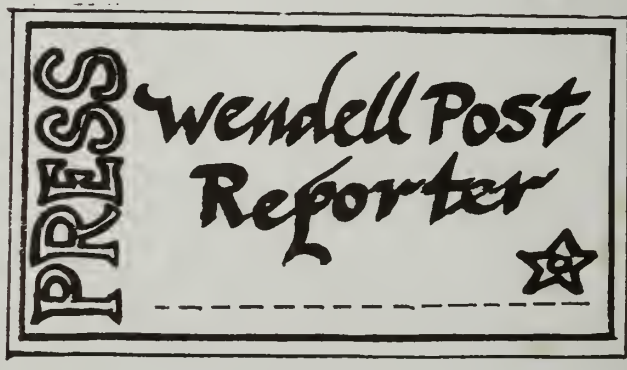

D+B (cont.)

improved this fourth summer of existence, residents on Prospect St in Millers were sensitive to the impact. Next summer, since there are plans for water and sewage work on Prospect St, arrangements were made so truck traffic would be re-routed via Wendell Depot or Lake Wyola. Heavy transport degrades roads but according to Dean, truckers pay state highway taxes which should pay for road repairs. If a town is not recompensed, it is up to the state, he suggested, and not a private business.

The Selectboard wishes there had been more courtesy shown concerning D&B plans for the next 5 years. They might not have legal jurisdiction but they have position in the town and quite a bit of extra work when it comes to traffic, road maintenance and environmental and financial mishap as with the massive 1992 fire. Concern was expressed about DEP's seeming lack of comprehension that traffic is integral to a project and yet they leave traffic problems to the towns to sort out without sufficient funds. The Selectboard said Dean has been cooperative bringing his debts up to date after being behind and paying both tipping fees and escrow accounts: $ in holding for closure and for long term monitoring.

Nina Keller

"Post" Reorganizing

The "Wendell Post" is a month late. It did not have the staffing for lay-out. The paper needs the addition of some new people to assure against such crisis episodes of dormancy.

It is time for the "Wendell Post" to take inventory of itself to find out who is interested in participat - ing with this 17 year old community project. Periodically this paper has needed to reaffirm its volunteer staffing. Without writers, runners, typers, info sharers, photographers, layout people, record keepers, advertisers, advisors, telephone tree callers, artists, and just folks to carry the ball for the long run, or now and then, there would be no "Wendell Post". This paper belongs to everyone who reads it, works on it, advertises in it, complains about it, praises it, steals it, buys it. If you have done any of these things, please think about working with us this year. The "Wendell Post" comes out about 6 times a year. You can work lot or a little. The paper will know how you can help.

Call Gloria at 544-0922 to offer your interest, please.

"Wendell Post" KS

Reflections of Country Kids

Photo Essay by Gloria Kegeles

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~SELECTBOARD MINUTES~

July 12, 1994

Members present: Ted Lewis and Margo Culley. Anne Zak was unable to attend the Selectboard meeting in order to represent the Town at the Franklin Cty Selectmen's Association Dinner with Lt. Governor Celucci. Also present was Regina Curtis, Administrative Coordinator.

The Board discussed a request from the Board of Health, passed on by Regina, for improved security at the BOH office in the Town Hall. Other parties have access to this office for storage and the BOH cites several incidents of the door being left unlocked and open.

The Board discussed the electric bill at the Old Fire Station. Regina was asked to invite Jake Graton to the next meeting.

A letter from Montague's Executive Secretary, Deb Radway, was reviewed. The Montague Selectboard has invited the Wendell Selectboard to meet at the Miller's Falls Library on July 18th to discuss the matter of DB Landfill truck traffic with area residents. Margo Culley responded that the Wendell Board would attend this meeting, but requested that Montague also invite Dean Bennett.

Wendell received a letter from the Town of Orange notifying the Town of increased tipping fees at the Orange Landfill for FY'95. Margo Culley asked that Bob Leet from the Wendell Board of Health be invited to the next meeting to discuss both this issue and the Town Hall office concern.

The Board received 2 letters from Floyd Borakove: the first as a follow up to an earlier request and the second a request for information. Regina said that she would respond to both letters.

The Board discussed a letter from Mason Phelps which commented on the Town Counsel opinion on the Scenic Roads Act. It was decided to discuss this further with the full Selectboard and the Planning Board at a later date.

Ted Lewis signed the Small Cities Block Grant application.

The Board received a letter from Town Counsel regarding the Temporary Right of Way for Mann Lumber Company.

Regina announced that the MDC will be meeting with Town Boards on August 15th at 7:30 in New Salem to discuss

The Finance Committee joined the Selectboard to discuss 2 Union 28 issues: 1) the proposed agenda of the next School Committee meeting and 2) the issue of the roof repair reimbursement money and its reminder of the larger issue of school reimbursement monies and the various allocation formulas, as well as the still-present issue of the $16,000 error. Regina will talk with the New Salem Selectboard about scheduling a joint meeting.

July 26, 1994

Members present: Margo Culley, Ted Lewis, Ann Zak and Regina Curtis . Meeting started at 7 pm.

Minutes of last meeting read and accepted.

Disscused Emma Cappalluzza's letter of complaint regarding T.S. Mann's right of way. Referred to Town Counsel.

MRF Contract - Use of MRF is free untill 6/30/94 . Thereafter, a community must recycle 20% in order to maintain free service. Wendell's rate at this p nt is 14%. The Chairman of the Board of Health will be at the next meeting and this will be discussed further.

Local Partnership Public hearing is schuduled for Aug. 9, 1994 at 7:30 pm.
Public hearing on the stone wall in front of the new Fire Station is schuduled for Aug. 23, 1994 at 7:30 pm.
Public hearing for the Police Dept. request of the old Fire Station schuduled for Sept. 6, 1994 at 7:30 pm.
These hearings are all schuduled to be held in the Senior Center.

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CULTURAL COUNCIL GRANTS FY'95 APPLICATION DEADLINE

The Wendell Cultural Council (WCC) was notified recently by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) that OCTOBER 14th is the upcoming deadline for Massachusetts residents and non-profit organizations to apply for Local Cultural Council (LCC) grants and Performing Arts Student Series (PASS) grants for Fiscal Year 1995.

These grants are for projects and programs in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences that will benefit people in this community. An applicant for an LCC grant must have at least one year's experience doing the cultural project for which funds are being requested and submit a resume and two references or reviews of his or her work. The PASS grants, which fund field trips for school children (grades pre-K to 12), subsidize the cost of student attendance at performances, educational tours and exhibits offered by MCC-approved artists and cultural organizations. Public, private and parochial schools as well as civic and youth organizations may apply for PASS grants for up to a maximum cost of $7 per student.

All grants awarded by the WCC are subject to final state approval by the MCC and are on a reimbursement basis. Since funds are limited, modest proposals or requests for partial funding are recommended. Last year the WCC's grant from the MCC was $2,000. The exact size of our state grant for this year is not known at this writing, although staff members from the MCC have stated it will be somewhat larger than last year.

Applications, with more complete information attached about MCC/WCC applicant/grantee requirements, will be available by the first week in September, if not sooner, at the Wendell Center Post Office and the Wendell Free Library. If there are any questions at this time, please call 544-2735 for information.

Ina Phelps, WCC Chair

JOINT VENTURE

COFFEEHOUSE AND LIBRARY

Something new and exciting is now available in Wendell. For years the coffeehouse has received demo tapes and CDs from artists all over the country. Many of these recordings have never been previewed. Now YOU can preview these by borrowing them from the Wendell Library. The coffee-house has donated the tapes and CDs to the library in hopes that the community will help us decide which performers to bring to town. It's easy! Stop into the library, borrow the tape or CD of your choice for up to 2 weeks, then give us your feedback. A notebook will be kept at the library for your comments and suggestions. You may also write something at home and leave it in a pocket of the note-book. For more details, contact Rosie at the library. We hope this new idea will be popular and help the coffeehouse bring in the music that you, our audience, wants!!

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Selectboard Minutes (cont.)

Kitchen door at the Town Hall cost $650. Estimate is $150. more than was approriated. The Selectboard will ask the Finance Comm. for the extra $150.

Discussed letter sent to Paul Rich requesting he apply for a license to operate a business. It was reported he was operating a business repairing vehicles at his home. He has not replied to the letter so they will send it again certified mail.

Prudy Smith requested the Town Hall for a yoga class starting 9-28. The class will be a 6 week session from 9-11 am.

The Fire Dept. has requested a computer. The Selectboard will give Janice Barrett's old one. A printer was purchased for the new one so the Fire Dept will recieve the printer also. It will be located at the Fire Station.

Dick Theis has agreed to provide Design and estimates for the second floor exits for the old and new fire stations.

Wendell is definately on the list for recieving monies for this year for a salt shed.

Joint meeting on 8/1 New Salem/Wendell School and Finance Comm. to discuss the Swift River School Construction reimbursment monies.

A letter was written and signed to Jake Graton informing him of the Selectboard's desire to come and speak with him. It will be delivered by the clerk.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Diemand

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Tent Caterpillars
Preventative Measures

We would be seriously disturbed to hear of a toxic spray program to control spread of the tent caterpillars similar to the spraying done in our past for the gypsy moth. The tent caterpillar is that which spreads white webs along roadsides, in fruit trees, shrubs, and along pasture lines and devours green leaf leaving brown skeletons of dead leaves. Preventative maintenance is a common sense approach since many webs are within our grasp. Bend branch and snap or prune off end or remove web and contents manually by wiping and collecting in one direction so caterpillars don't fall out. Crush with much aplomb. As soon as webs are seen is the best time to collect before they grow and leave nest spreading into outer limbs. If not collected, you will notice an increase in population the following year.

Many webs are too high for even extension pruners and ladders. But we can do better than we have. If you are squeamish remember, changing diapers can be testy. Much worse is the damage and blight on our trees and the threat of spray programs society tends to use for solutions, programs we have taken no measures to thwart.

But then again, I've been reminded that I'm not so worried about giraffes.

Nina Keller

Wendell Cultural Council

The Wendell Cultural Council, formerly the Arts Lottery Council, met on August 25 to discuss the new funding cycle for artists.

Grant applications will be available in town offices and other locations in Wendell. The deadline for submitting applications is October 14 for allocations to be made after the New Year.

The Council wants to reach out to more artists in the community, to support the richness of Wendell's artistic diversity. Discussion centered around ways of broadening the scope of what is funded, the number of grants and the amount given per grant. Specifics of how this might happen will take place in future meetings. Artists of all kinds are encouraged to apply for this funding cycle.

Gloria Kegeles

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Partnership Grant

The Local Partnership Program is designed to help small and larger communities take a more active and conscious role in the planning for economic development of their communities. Given the hardship many small towns and cities in Massachusetts are experiencing, the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Communities and Development (EOCD) has initiated this project to provide an opportunity for economically strapped communities like Wendell to set specific goals and plan careful strategies that will build the local economy. In this regard, the EOCD is providing grant monies for the planning process for the first year of the Partnership Program, this past year having been the time when local citizens stepped forward to work on the Wendell committee, attend the required EOCD workshops on economic development, and compose a proposal with Regina Curtis to apply for this planning grant from EOCD.

This proposal addresses the first funded year of the Partnership Program which must be earmarked for planning, research and practical information gathering. The Wendell proposal has outlined in detail the immediate tasks to be completed during the coming year to both define and illuminate potential steps forward in building our local economy. In addition, the proposal states overall goals toward sustaining the vitality of the Wendell community. This proposal now submitted by Wendell will be reviewed by the EOCD and if approved, grant monies will be allocated to begin this leg of the planning process.

The second year of the Partnership Program will be focused on implementation of a proposed plan of action or a project, that have emerged out of the work from the first year. Grant monies may be available through a specific application process with the EOCD on a competitive basis, and other assistance may also come into the picture in different forms.
If you would like more details please contact Regina Curtis at the town offices.

Carlen Adams Rigrod

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OLD HOME DAY
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July 9, 1994

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Children's parade with adults parading their stuff too, balloons, stiltwalker, Smokey the Bear riding Wendell Engine #1. Singing along with Sally Alley, teller of stories. Robbie Heller's old electric train with tunnel and trees fascinating young and old. Brothers, sisters and in-laws from out-of-town.

Musicians galore--annual revival of the eons-old Outer Space Band, Justina & Joyce's sweet melodies, Creedew & the Gargoyles' psycho-relic sounds, the all-Wendell Hilltown Fling doing their contradance thing, the Gangly Hearts with our fabulous guitarist Bob Rosser. Young and old, dancing the day away.

Everything to buy or barter, from Library book bags, art and attic treasures to old wedding gowns to wear to town.

Toy boat, toy boat-making under Jerry Eide's supervision, complete with pool to sail them in. Ted Lewis' presentation of Citizen of the Year Award to Danny Bacigalupo, invaluable keeper of the roads and through-ways.

Wonderful traditional Diemand chicken barbeque with fixins, to top it all off. Yum.

Wendell Old Home Day--our day to display the varied faces of Wendell--reinforces our great community spirit!

Story and Photos by Gloria Kegeles

Creedew + the Gargoyles

Justina + Joyce

Outer Space Band

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Selectboard Meeting Minutes
August 9, 1994

Members present: Ted Lewis, Chair; Anne Zak; Margo Culley. Also present were Regina Curtis, Town Coordinator; Anne Diemand, Acting Selectmen's Clerk

The Board met at 7:00 to sign the warrant and the minutes from the last meeting.

The Selectboard discussed a written complaint received from a citizen regarding the recurring issue of loose dogs on Jennison Road. Margo Culley has spoken with Town Counsel who instructed the Board to conduct a Dog Hearing on the complaints and issue a non-conditional order. A hearing was scheduled for August 23rd. The Notice of Hearing will posted at the usual posting places and will be hand delivered to Cathy Rubek by the Constable.

The Board convened a Public Hearing at 7:30 to discuss the Local Partnerhsip Project grant application. Regina Curtis reviewed written comments received prior to the hearing from Joanne Aalfs and Paul Horn. Bob Ellis commented on the agricultural project component of the application. Sharon Gensler agreed with Bob and also stated that the application has taken shape since the last Partnership meeting.

The Board met with Bob Leet, Board of Health Chair, to disucss issues about the BOH space at the Town Hall and the Orange Landfill tipping contract. It was agreed that any non-BOH equipment would be stored in a different location and access to the room will be restricted to BOH members and relevant Town officials. Bob stated that the Board should sign the contract with the Town of Orange, as it would not be economically advantageous to change at this point. Bob also discussed the DB site with the Board - he confirmed that staff had been cut to 4 workers at the demolition debris dump and that, as a result, there is not as much recycling as there was with more crew.

Finance Committee members Dan Keller, Lee Trousdale and Michael Idoine met with the Board to discuss the meeting with New Salem on 8/1 about the Swift River School. It was agreed that members of the 2 towns' 2 boards would meet with the School Committee in September to explain the Towns' position and answer questions. Margo Culley will call John Coolidge, NS School Committee Chair, prior to that to inform him of this plan.

The Finance Committee suggested that the additional $150 needed for the TH kitchen door repair be taken from Town Hall expense.

The Finance Committee questioned Ted on the most current information on the cost to repair the culvert on Jennison Road.

Ted Lewis, Danny Bacigalupo and Harold Burnett met with Town of Erving to discuss repairs to the Arch Street Bridge abutment, where significant erosion is occurring. Several ideas are proposed with the cost ranging from $8,000 - $40,000. Ted will meet with relevant parties to design a repair plan acceptable to the Mass. Highway Department.

Anne Zak announced that her (Wendell's) tenure on the Mahar School Council had ended this month. The seat will now rotate to the Town of Petersham. Anne stated that she was very impressed with Frank Zak, the school committee, the students and the school. They have developed a program for at-risk students, have terrific leadership and that there is a sense of things running smoothly. She very much enjoyed the past year and looks forward to Wendell's next opportunity in four years.

Old Town Warrants, dating to the 1820's, were found in the Sogard's attic. Some of the saame issues that we deal with today were present then . . . The warrants are in excellent condition - the Town will photocopy and preserve them.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Scully

NEWS FROM THE SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL

The first day of school for the Kindergardeners to sixth graders at the Swift River School this year was Wednesday August 31st. Remember that Wednesday is the day of the week when dismissal is at 12:50. On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, dismissal will be at 2:50, with the exception of the Kindergardeners who are dismissed at 11:30 each day. School will begin at 8:30 each morning. It is important that all students arrive with enough time to get settled before that time.

Parents received a notice from the principle, Leonard Strauss, describing bus routes and times, and giving information about classroom placements, etc. A letter with information about the Preschool schedules was attached. If you have questions, you may call the school any week day at 544-6926.

By the way, your volunteer efforts at the school last year were extraordinary! You've given me incentive to again find volunteer candidates for this school year.

I have distributed my new, revised, and shortened volunteer information forms to the Library, the Senior Center, the Country Store, and the Post Office. Those forms give us as a community a chance to enrich the curriculum at the school. The forms are not binding. Your involvement does not have to mean being there at the school. There are plenty of things you can contribute to the school from your home, in the evenings, or on weekends... ie: do you have photographs or notes about something or somewhere that may be of interest you could lend a classroom? Do you have field trip ideas? could you bake for a bake sale, or help organize a special event...?

There are many talents, ideas and interests in all of us. The Swift River School is open and receptive to community involvement, so get your two cents in, and fill out a form, and send it to me at The Swift River School, 201 Wendell Road, New Salem, MA 01364, or you may contact me at 544-7864 to let me know what you may be able to offer our children at our school this year. Every little bit counts!

We hope you have enjoyed the summer, and looking forward to a great new school year.

Yours Truly,
Molly Kaynor
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CONTRA-DANCE!

Wendell is uniquely fortunate to have not only its own contra-dance band, but monthly community dances throughout the chilly season as well!

A fun and successful montly series last season brings back Hilltown Fling 'by popular demand', and has many experienced out-of-town dancers awaiting the return of this traditional New England country dance.

The atmosphere is always lively and fun and all the dances are beginner-friendly. This is also the only dance in the region that offers a refreshments table, provided as a benefit for the Good Neighbors.

So any fourth Saturday from October 22nd on, 7:30 to 11 pm, come out to Wendell Town Hall for some dancing fun with friends and neighbors. See you there!

Audrey Broll (a.9)

FIRE DEPT INCIDENTS

DATE	#	INCIDENT TYPE	ADDRESS/LOCATION
7/14/94	1	Medical/Accident call	Farley rd - just after Maple Valley
7/25/94	2	Public Service Call	Old Stage Rd - Bialer Res
7/30/94	3	Medical Call	State Forest - Ruggles Pond Area
8/2/94	4	Medical Call	State Forest - Ruggles Pond Area
8/3/94	5	Fire Call/Illegal Burn	Davis Turn Rd - Carrol Res
8/3/94	6	Fire Call/Illegal Burn	Old Farley Rd - State Land

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Notice of Passing

Young Dan Cramer of New Salem died this month. We pay honor to his life and fond memories and send the deepest regrets to his family and friends. Our next issue will devote a more appropriate article.

Town History Project

The Selectboard would like to organize a small group interested in reviewing historical materials stored in the vault in the Town Hall. We have an archivist willing to consult with us on how best to preserve these materials. If you are willing to spend a few hours on one or two Saturdays this fall, please call Margo Culley (544-2020).

ROOMS FOR RENT--
16-room log house. Party place (not really though). Game room, pool table, pinball, juke box etc. Rent is completely neg. for labor exchange. Horses, cat, dogs. How about sheep & goat, etc. Share my land and everything I own-type place. (I have alot.) 1-413-367-2482.

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NEW TITLES AT THE WENDELL LIBRARY

Adult Fiction

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Snapshot, Linda Barnes
A Yellow Raft in Blue Water, Michael Dorris
In The Cube: A novel of Future Boston, David A. Smith
Powers that be, Anne McCaffrey
Dreaming in Cuban, Cristine Garcia
Mind of the Mind, Octavia E. Butler
The Living, Annie Dillard

Adult Non-Fiction

The City of Joy, Dominique LaPierre
The Body at War: the Story of our Immune System, John Dwyer
The Photographer's Handbook, John Hedgecoe
Rand McNally 1994 Road Atlas U.S.-Canada-Mexico
Teaching a Stone to talk, Annie Dillar
Learning to sit in Silence: A Journal of Caretaking, Elaine Marcus Starkm
Raise Your Right Hand Against Fear, extend the Other in Compassion, Sheldon Kopp
Warrior Marks, Alice Walker
Videos-The World of Joseph Campbell (3 tapes)

Juvenile Fiction & Non-Fiction

Building Blocks, Cynthia Voigt
David and Jonathan, Cynthia Voigt
Goosebumps #21 Go eat Worms, R.L. Stin
Goosebumps #16 One day at Horror Land, R.L. Stine
Heart of a Champion (baseball), Carl Dueker
Two Teenagers in Twenty ed. by Ann Hero

DIRECTORY CHANGE ! ! !

Although we are sorry to lose our next to "top billing" in the Wendell Town Directory, please note that the Arts Lottery Council no longer exists as such. It is now the Wendell Cultural Council (WCC).

Also, please note, current WCC members are Fran Doughty, Bob Ellis, Marcelle Feltman, Jake Graton, Gloria Kegeles, Kim Noyes, and Ina Phelps.

The council was renamed in November of 1992 primarily because it may now use its funds to provide grants for programs in the Humanities and the Interpretive Sciences, as well as for programs in the Arts, and also because we now receive our state funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Thanks very much for your interest in the WCC.

Ina Phelps, WCC Chair

Wendell Good Neighbors could use a volunteer to deliver food packages to one or more senior citizens in town on Sunday afternoons. Food distribution begins at 4 P.M. at the Senior Center.

Good Neighbors could also use someone willing to pick up produce from Foster's Market on Saturday mornings. This driver would pick up food every other Saturday morning. Call Karen Wilder (544-0939) or Kathy Swaim (544-2020) if you can be a "good neighbor."

G. Kegeles Photo

TAI CHI IN WENDELL

For the past 2 years, every Thursday night at 6:30 a Tai Chi class has been meeting at the Town Hall. This class is open to everybody. Beginners are always welcome.

So what's Tai Chi? Tai Chi is both a healing art and a martial art. It is a system of movement which evolved from a meditative study of nature. The movements are all circular and the core of the movement is breath.

Many people are familiar with Tai Chi's slow, dance-like forms where a person appears to be swimming in air. It is often asked, "How can this function as a martial art?" In self-defense application, the movements are actually performed very fast. Practicing the forms slowly enables us to develop root and learn to manipulate internal energy flows. We learn to tap into and cultivate internal strength which can overcome hard muscular force. Tai Chi is therefore called a soft art, because it is based on the Taoist principals of soft overcoming hard, never meeting force with force. Instead, the fluid movements neutralize and transform oncoming aggression. Soft and fluid does not mean weak. Water is soft and fluid, yet look at the power of hydraulics. This is much the same as the internal power to be found in Tai Chi.

It is this same quality which can be used for healing. Circulating internal energy vitalizes all of the body's systems. It increases blood circulation and strengthens the organs. Tai Chi has been known to increase the amount of fluid in the bones in proportion to calcium, preventing brittleness; stabilize heart rate and blood pressure; reduce tension; reduce symptoms of arthritis and other debilitating conditions; etc. etc. It is easy on the back, yet strengthens it, so people with back problems can find healing in Tai Chi. Students often notice an increased ability to concentrate and an overall sense of well-being. Tai Chi offers a vast depth of relaxation.

Oftentimes we are unaware of our own energy body (Chi) even existing. In Tai Chi, becoming aware of this part of ourselves is only the beginning. Through movements passed down for thousands of years, we learn how to circulate, cultivate, and harmonize our internal energies, which nourish us physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

The study of Tai Chi can be a life-long process. Yet there are profound gratifications all along the way. One of the reasons I started teaching in Wendell, was to share this pursuit in my home community. Although I study in Greenfield, at J.R. Roy's Martial Arts Studio, there is something special about coming together with my neighbors of various ages and backgrounds, knowing that we're gonna be learning, working, and growing here, together in Wendell Town Hall, for a long time.

Come on by and check it out.

SALLY STUFFIN

WENDELL WONDERINGS

1--What forms the entire northern border of town?

2--Where is Wendell's highest point? What is the elevation?

3--Where is the lowest elevation?

4--Who was Wendell named for?

5--What denomination was the Wendell Church?

6--What numbered highways run through Wendell?

7--How many square miles make up Wendell's area?

8--What living Wendell resident became known in national anti-nuclear circles as "Father Clam", for his work on behalf of the Clamshell Alliance?

9--At election time, what party affiliation do most voters take?

10--When was Wendell incorporated?

Real Question? Where is the christening basin and pulpit Bible donated by Judge Wendell?

ANSWERS;

1.) The Millers River
2.) Top of Orcutt Hill, 1,306 above sea level, in the southeastern part of town.
3.) Beyond Mormon Hollow where Lyons Brook enters the Millers River, about 300 ft. above sea level.
4.) Judge Oliver Wendell of Boston, who owned much land here.
5.) Congregational
6.) Rt.2 is the only numbered state highway.
7.) The Town has 31.91 suare miles.
8.) Charles T. Smith
9.) independant
10.)May 8, 1781

Real Question: responses requested.

QUESTION ADDENDUM
There is a lot of shooting coming from the woods. What is legal to hunt in the summer?
ANSWER: Crows, bullfrogs, snapping turtles and poachers. Open season on gray squirrel starts Sept. 12. Open season on opossum and raccoon starts Oct. 1. Open season on snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, ruffed grouse, pheasant and quail opens Oct. 15. Fox, coyote starts Nov. 1. Our new turkey flocks are safe until Nov. 14-19. Archery season for deer is Nov. 7-26, shotgun Nov. 28-Dec. 10, primitive firearm Dec. 19-21. Bobcat open season is Dec. 20. Our woods are legally at rest during the summer for nurturing of young. Kathy "Crosshair" Becker

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Stone wall building has been called a "dying art," but maybe it's just hibernating. We in Wendell have an opportunity to bring the practice out of hibernation to renovate the wall in front of the new Town garage.

Starting toward the end of September--probably around September 26--we'll be re-laying the wall to bring it back to something an old Yankee farmer would be proud of. Many people have expressed an interest in helping restore it to respectability. Some are planning to bring a special stone of their own to include in the wall. The work will hopefully last for the ages. With the help of some of my mason friends I'll provide instruction and supervision. So come, learn and create!

Now a word from our sponsors: the project, through the approval of the Wendell Cultural Council, is sponsored by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. Bear Mountain Preservation Association, a non-profit corporation with an interest in Wendell and its environs and community cooperative spirit that grew out of the Rt. 2 fight, also provided a grant. The Town of Wendell, at a special Town meeting last May, approved $500 for the project. These were given to make this community project both a successful piece of work and an educational and cultural experience for interested townspeople.

Contributions of stashes of fieldstone are still sought. Do you have a pile you're willing to contribute? I am in touch with school classes and Scout troops. There's still room for more groups. Contact me for scheduling.

The wall will be worked on during the following hours: Thursdays and Fridays 1 p.m. until dusk; Saturdays and Sundays 9-3. Bring work gloves and strong shoes. The project will most likely go on for only a couple of weeks, so don't delay.

I look forward to working with you!
Jonathan von Ranson
544-3758

Gloria Kegeles

Selectman Ted Lewis, and Highway Dept. Foreman Danny Bacigalupo confer at Old Home Day.

drivers and their passengers have all been part of a number of similar horse and carriage pleasure drives, and many will be in the late September Greenfield, MA to Wilmington, VT drive, a distance of 30 miles each way.

The Swift River Society's carriage drive attracted over a dozen participants last year. All of our drivers enjoyed our two towns and the warm reception they encountered along the 18 mile route.

The organizers of the pleasure drive would like to thank the residents for their consideration and help along the drive last year. Everyone participating remarked on how they enjoyed our communities. Organizers for this year's gathering are David Richard from Wendell and John Ryan from New Salem.

Wendell Well Fund

Not much has been happening over the summer with the Town Well Fund. But summer is over and the energy is gearing up for several fund raisers for the fall. We will be raffling off cordwood donated by the road crew again this year. We will also be doing the silent auction for baked goods at the Post Office during the holiday season. Are folks up for another $20 raffle again? Any suggestions, anyone wanting to help please call Ted at 544-3329 or Anne at 544-6111.

We have made about $1000. and are still checking out what our options are so there is not a whole lot to report on in that matter.

We will have the first Coffeehouse of the season benefit the Well Fund so please support it in september.

Anne Diemand

Festival Productions, Inc. invited Myron and a crew of 11 to cater to the stars, while simultaneouly holding down the concession out front. Working with Myron and Kathy was Susannah Whipps of Athol who managed behind the scenes, while Thomas Soule of Wendellmanaged the concession. Other local crew members were Aubin Maynard, Sarah Schoenberg of New Salemn, and Cara Cleveland of New Salem Myron chose to serve a varied menu designed to please even the most nervous artist. Choices included a mixed vegetable and/or meat grill coupled with a Chinese noodle house concept. Each meal was individually created using a wide array of ingredients selected at the performer's own preference. The meals were complimented by fresh fruits, and Ben and Jerry's ice cream. The artists expressed gratitude for the attractively prepared to-order fare. Performers served included Arlo Guthrie, Randy Newman, Michelle Shocked, Indigo Girls, Fairport Convention, Wynton Marsalis, Dave Brubeck, Buddy Guy, David Sanborn, Manhattan Transfer, to name the most memorable, conversation wise. Myron was subsequently quoted in a "Boston Globe" Newport Fest write-up.

Myron's Yakitori concession will next appear at the Franklin County Fair, and then in the Massachusetts Building at the Big E.

In Wendell, Myron's sauces are available at the Wendell Country Store, or near by at The Village Co-Op in Leverett, and Carroll's Supermarket in Millers Falls.(But if you want to pay more, try Macy's in New York city.) Look for a new addition to the line, Myron's Supernatural Sauce, a more robust and no refined sugar version of the more delicate Myron's #1 Yakitori Sauce. Fresh out of the kettle is Myron's 20 Ga., a Fine Wild Game and Fish Sauce.

The real behind the scenes crew usually works away from the bright lights and razzle dazzle. Raeann Maynard, of Wendell, manages the manufacturing plant in Orange. Under her able supervision, production is increasing. Wibby Swedburg, of Orange (Wendell Depot) holds down the phones and tries to keep Myron from panicking over accounts payable and accounts recievable.

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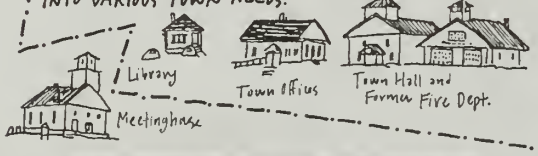

NEW SALEM RESTAURANT REOPENS

If you haven't heard, the New Salem Restaurant has reopened this summer! As of June 18th, the finest country dining this side of the Quabbin is under full sail, with its soon-to-be famous owner Mark Antsel at the helm.

They specialize in home made sandwich breads, rolls and breakfast breads, exceptionally fresh quality ingredients, and a delightfully comfortable atmosphere.

Hours are Th.- Sat. 6:30 am to 3 pm, Sum. 7 to 3, and dinners Fri. and Sat., 5 to 8pm. They are just down the road and easy to find along Rte. 202, so stop in for any reason and treat yourself to some fine, robust country fare!

G. Kegeles Photo

♫ Matt Stamell smiles when he hears good music. ♫

WENDELL'S ORIGINAL

FULLMOON COFFEEHOUSE

Sept. 24th
The Stockwell Brothers

Oct. 15th
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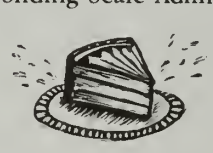

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FULL MOON COFFEEHOUSE NEWS

The fall season is taking shape for the full moon coffeehouse. On SEPTEMBER 24, the Stockwell Brothers will play, and there are some surprises in store that will interest all of Wendell. Don't miss the opening night of the season! On OCTOBER 15, folkie Jamie Brockett will make his coffeehouse debut. Jamie has been part of the New England folk scene for nearly 30 years; he is fresh off a European tour and has a new album out as well. This should be a special night. NOVEMBER 19 is the date for the next coffeehouse, which as of press time is still tentative. Watch for posters regarding the rest of the fall season. REMEMBER, EACH MONTH BENEFITS A DIFFERENT ORGANIZATION! COME OUT AND SUPPORT WENDELL'S ORIGINAL FULL MOON COFFEEHOUSE!!!!

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